



Republican Policy Committee

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Senate Democrats' Support \$294.8 Billion in Tax Hikes

"It's Deja Vu All Over Again"

Former Yankee catcher Yogi Berra only said it; current Senate Democrats actually did it. Not once, but twice, Senate Democrats have been behind an effort to increase taxes by almost \$300 billion. The first time was the 1993 Clinton tax hike when Democrats and not one Republican voted for \$270 billion in new taxes — the biggest increase in U.S. history. The second time was just last month during debate over the FY 1997 budget resolution when Senate Democrats voted to support even larger tax increases — **\$295 billion in new taxes**.

The only thing that kept the Democrats from breaking their own tax hiking record — as well as the American taxpayer — was a Republican majority. Without Republican votes in opposition, every one of the Democrats' proposed tax increases would have passed.

Yogi Berra said it, Senate Democrats did it, but Senate Republicans stopped it. The record for the biggest tax increase in American history would have been broken otherwise.

BOX SCORE

Player	Amdt. No.	Result	Vote	Tax Increase
Byrd	4040	Defeated	45-54	\$4.4 billion
Boxer	3982	Tabled	55-45	\$18 billion
Exon	3965	Defeated	45-53	\$90 billion*
Kerry	3990	Tabled	55-45	\$6.3 billion
Kerry	3991	Tabled	52-48	\$48.3 billion
Byrd	4001	Tabled	61-39	\$64.8 billion
Exon	3973	Defeated	45-53	\$13 billion*
Rockefeller	3979	Tabled	55-43	\$50 billion

Summary:

Democrats	8 Tax Hikes	Stopped	Republican votes	\$294.8 billion
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*Offered President Clinton's budget and an amendment to it.

In 1993, Democrats supported and every Republican opposed Clinton's record-breaking \$270 billion tax increase. In 1996, the Democrat minority supported \$295 billion in new taxes. Only the Republican majority prevented that ignominious record from being broken.

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